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REMARKS

Prior to entry of this paper, claims 31-59 were pending. In this paper, several claims are amended, and Claims 42-44, 47, 48, and 50-53 are cancelled. Claims 31-41, 45, 46, 49, and 54-59 are currently pending. No new matter is added by way of this amendment. For at least the following reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that each of the presently pending claims is in condition for allowance.

Allowed Subject Matter

Claims 44-46, 49, 56, and 57 were identified as being allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 31 has been amended to include all of the limitations of Claim 44 as Claim 44 stood prior to entry of this paper. Since Claim 44 was allowed, Claim 31 is therefore in condition for allowance. Claim 49 has been re-written in independent form. Claim 54 has been amended to include all of the limitations of Claim 57 as Claim 57 stood prior to entry of this paper. Since Claim 57 was allowed, Claim 54 is therefore in condition for allowance. Claim 56 has been re-written in independent form. For at least these reasons, Claims 31, 49, 54, 56, and 57 are in condition for allowance.

Claims 32-41 and 45-46 depend on Claim 31. Claims 55, 58, and 59 depend on Claim 54. For at least this reasons, Claims 32-41, 45-46, 55, 58, and 59 are in condition for allowance.

It is respectfully submitted that all outstanding rejections and objections are rendered moot based on the amendment to the claims in this paper.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully submitted that each of the presently pending claims (Claims 31-41, 45, 46, 49, and 54-59) are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is requested. Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' representative at the below-listed telephone number if it is believed that the prosecution of this application may be assisted thereby. Although only certain arguments regarding patentability are set forth herein, there may be other arguments and reasons

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why the claimed invention is patentable. Applicant reserves the right to raise these arguments in the future.

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